

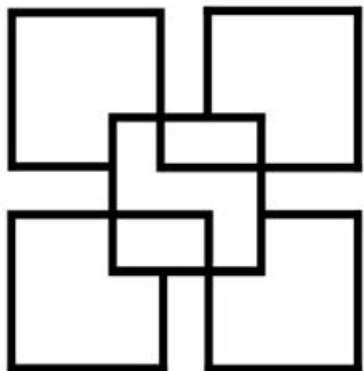
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TRAVIS COUNTY CDBG SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS

TO THE PY2011-2013
CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND THE
PY06 THROUGH PY10 ACTION
PLANS

APPROVED BY TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AUGUST 7, 2012



TRAVIS COUNTY, TX SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS

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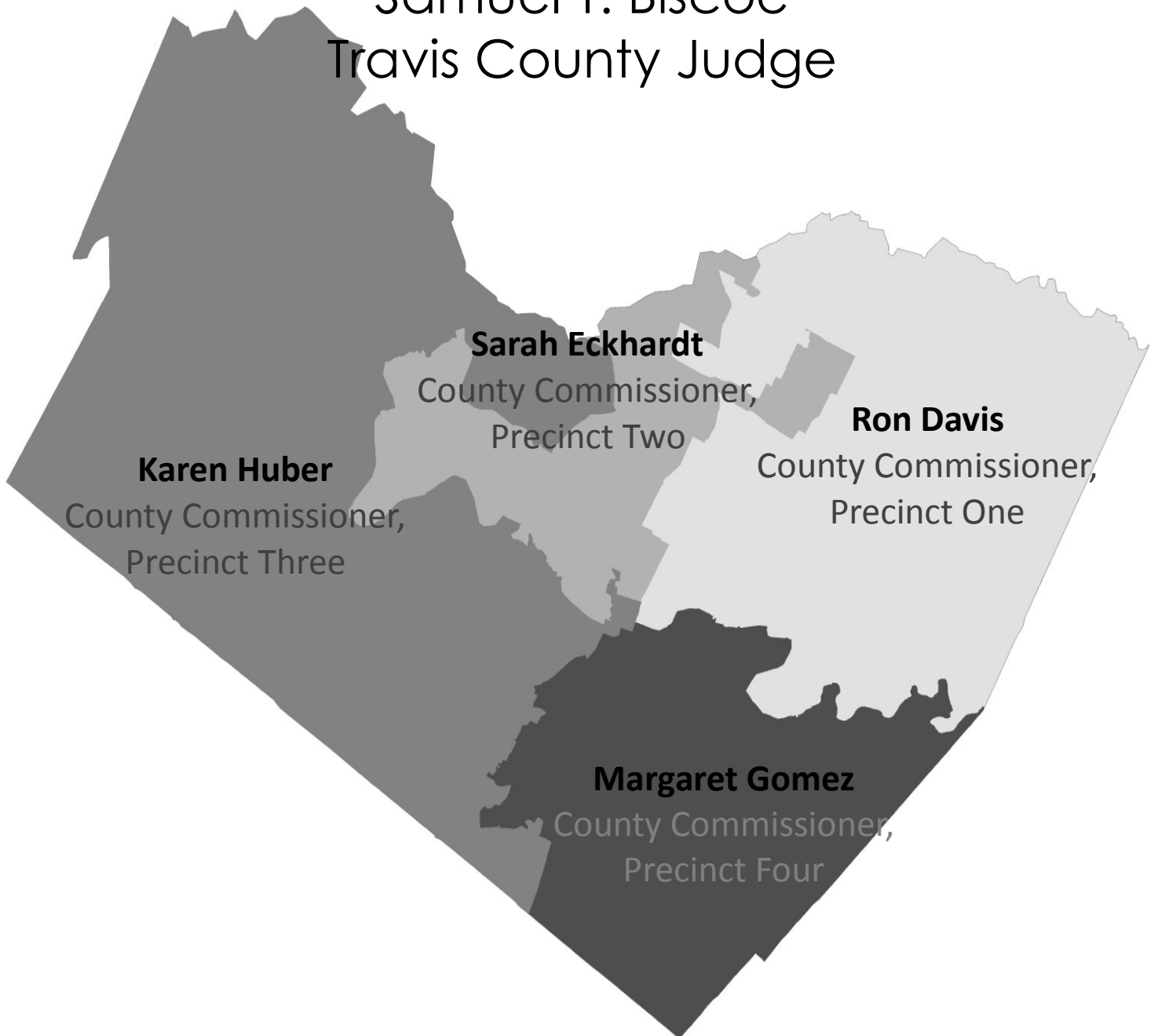
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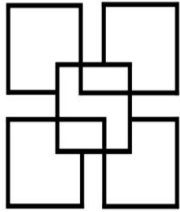
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TRAVIS COUNTY, TX

COMMISSIONERS COURT

Samuel T. Biscoe
Travis County Judge





INTRODUCTION

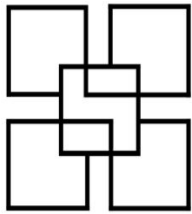
The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) initiative is a federal grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The program provides annual grants to cities and counties to carry out a variety of community development activities aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods, improving affordable housing options, and providing improved community facilities and services. Since 2006, Travis County has received CDBG funds from HUD on an annual basis.

The administration of the CDBG program follows a cycle that includes the drafting of a Consolidated Plan, an Action Plan, and an annual evaluation. The Consolidated Plan identifies the County's community and housing needs and outlines the strategies to address those needs over a five year period. The Action Plan defines the specific activities and projects to be undertaken during each program year. The annual evaluation assesses yearly accomplishments.

Over the last five years, several projects have had cost savings and those funds need to be allocated for another purpose. Due to changes in projects, CDBG staff must analyze whether or not a substantial amendment needs to occur. According to Travis County's Citizen Participation Plan as required by HUD rules, a substantial amendment is required if any of the changes represent 1) a change in the location or beneficiaries of a project proposed under the Consolidated Plan or Action Plan; 2) a change in the scope of the project by more than 25%; or 3) a change in the funding of a new project that was not originally subject.

This year Travis County is proposing to substantially amend project years PY06, PY08, PY09, and PY10, to allow for cost savings are proposed to be reallocated to Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation. Additionally, Program staff recommends the PY09 Action Plan be amended to delete the Youth and Family Assessment Center Flex Fund Expansion Project. The funds are proposed to be reallocated to Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation.

Additionally, every three years, urban counties receiving CDBG funds must re-affirm their urban county entitlement status. In PY10, Travis County renewed its status for 2012-2014. As part of the qualification process, Travis County invited non-entitlement cities and villages to participate in the Travis County CDBG program. The Village of Webberville elected to join the Urban County, and a Cooperative Agreement was approved by TCCC in July, 2011. Beginning in PY2012 the Village of Webberville will be part of the CDBG Program service area. The Consolidated Plan is therefore being amended to reflect this.



AMENDMENT TO PY06, PY08, PY09 and PY10 ACTION PLANS

Project Savings

The chart below summarizes the project savings and reallocations. Project savings is defined as funds available after a project's completion.

Figure 1: Project Savings	
Original Project	Project Savings
PY06 Lava Lane	\$423.86
PY10 Lava Lane	\$129,685.02
PY09 Administration and Planning	\$1,106.23
PY10 Administration and Planning	\$28,593.65
PY10 Social Work Expansion	\$3,920.52
PY08 Land Acquisition – Phase 2	\$2,355.68
PY09 Land Acquisition – Phase 2	\$29,751.00
PY09 YFAC Flex Fund	\$32,100.00
TOTAL	\$227,935.96

Amendment to PY09 Action Plan: Deletion of Youth and Family Assessment Center (YFAC) Flex Fund Expansion Project

The YFAC program is an internal Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Service that assists high-risk children by improving their school performance and preventing them from falling in the juvenile justice system through traditional services such as therapy and nontraditional services like

parent coaching. In the PY09 Action Plan, an expansion of the program was approved as a CDBG project with \$32,100 in funds. To date this project has not yet been implemented. Given the relatively small amount of funding for this project, other CDBG projects with larger funding amounts have been given higher priority to ensure for timely spending of funds. Additionally, this project represents an expansion of an existing program that is funded through General Funds, so clients are currently able to access these services and deletion of the CDBG funds would not impact service provision. Because other projects better meet the strategic goals for the CDBG program at this time, this project will be deleted from PY09 Action Plan and the funds reprogrammed.

Reallocation of Funds

Staff recommends the project savings in the PY06-PY10 Action Plans and the funds from the deletion of the above mentioned public service project reallocated to Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation.

Project # 2: Home Rehabilitation - \$227,935.96

Project Description:

This project will fund minor home repair services for low and moderate income homeowners in the unincorporated areas of Travis County and the Village of Webberville, to move homes towards Housing Quality Standards. The program seeks to improve the energy efficiency, physical living conditions, and safety in owner-occupied homes. A 0% interest, forgivable 5-year loan up to \$24,999 with no required annual or monthly payments is available. The loan is forgiven at a pro-rata rate of 20% for each year of home ownership. Examples of potential improvements include, but are not limited to: connections of houses to long-term viable sources of water (not part of a stand-alone infrastructure project), complementing weatherization services of other funding sources, septic tank repairs, and electrical and plumbing repairs. In the event that program income is created, it will be reinvested into the Home Rehabilitation project.

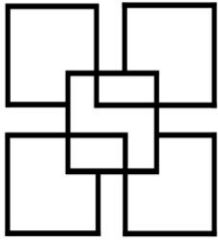
These funds are targeted toward homeowners at or below 80% MFI in the CDBG service area. This project will be administered by a non-profit, designated as a sub-recipient, identified through a formal application. Additionally, some of the allocation will partially fund a CDBG Planner position to complete environmental paperwork, final inspections and sign off and any other needed project delivery related costs.

Figure 2: Project 2 - General Project Information

CDBG Funding:	\$227,935.96
Leverage Funding:	To be determined
Program Delivery:	Designated sub-recipient or Travis County Health and Human Service and Veterans Service
Program Oversight:	Travis County Health and Human Service and Veteran Services
Estimated Start/ Completion Date:	October 1, 2012-September 30, 2013
Location:	Homes in the unincorporated areas of Travis County and the Village of Webberville

Figure 3: Project 2 - Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD – prescribed)

Priority Need Category:	Owner Occupied Housing	Project:	Rehabilitation of existing units
Eligible Activity:	Rehabilitation	Outcome Category	Availability/ Accessibility
Objective Category	Suitable Living Environment	Specific Objective	Improve the quality of owner housing
Citation	570.202	Accomplishment	9 Houses
Eligibility	LMH	Matrix Code	14A, Rehabilitation, Single Unit Residential
Priority in the 2011-2013 Strategic Plan#	High	Travis County HTE #:	HCIG09



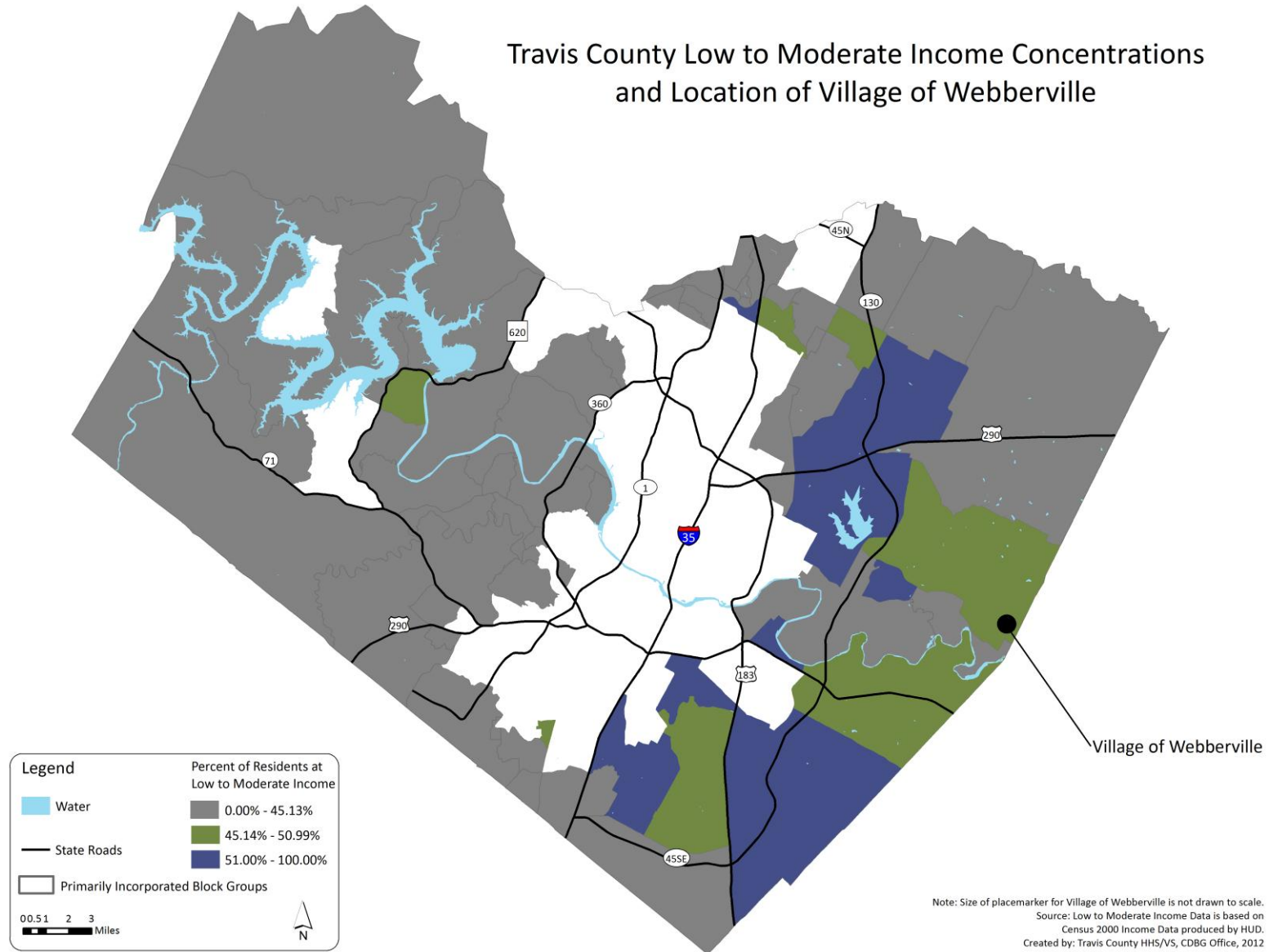
AMENDMENT TO 2011-2013 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Every three years, urban counties receiving CDBG funds must re-affirm their urban county entitlement status. In PY10, Travis County renewed its status for 2012-2014. As part of the qualification process, Travis County chose to invite non-entitlement cities and villages to participate in the Travis County CDBG program. The Village of Webberville elected to join the Urban County, and a Cooperative Agreement was approved by TCCC in July, 2011. Beginning in PY2012 the Village of Webberville will be part of the CDBG Program service area.

The addition of the Village of Webberville does not change the analysis of community needs or the identification of strategic directions for PY2011-2013. This amendment acknowledges the inclusion of the Village of Webberville and the eligibility of projects to be located there. The following sections of the Consolidated Plan will not be otherwise amended:

- I. Introduction
- II. Public Engagement
- III. Community Needs
- IV. Strategic Plan
- V. Annual Action Plan

Map 1



The Village of Webberville is located on the eastern edge of Travis County. According to the 2010 Census, the village has 392 residents. Approximately half the residents (48.9%) are Hispanic, a higher percentage than the county as a whole (33.5%).

Figure 4: Village of Webberville, Demographics

Population	Number	Percent Village of Webberville	Percent Travis County
Total Population	392	100%	N/A
African American or Black	32	8.1%	8.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1	0.3%	0.8%
Asian	1	0.3%	5.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0%	0.1%
White	336	85.7%	69.3%
Some Other Race	20	5.1%	12.2%
Two or More Races	2	0.5%	3.3%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	192	48.9%	33.5%

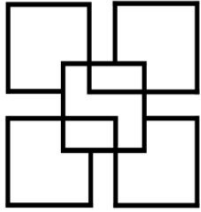
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

The majority (81.2%) of housing units in the Village of Webberville are owner occupied. Only 18.8% of units are renter occupied, a much lower percentage than for the county as a whole (48.1%).

Figure 5: Village of Webberville, Housing

	Number	Percent Village of Webberville	Percent Travis County
Total Occupied Housing Units	117	100%	N/A
Owner Occupied Housing Units	95	81.2%	51.9%
Renter Occupied	22	18.8%	48.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census



PUBLIC COMMENT

Advertisement

During the week of May 28, 2012, Travis County published announcements inviting the public to comment on the substantial amendments. Advertisements were posted on the County's website and published in newspapers of general circulation. In addition, notifications by mail and e-mail will be sent to service providers, to citizens who had previously attended public hearings, to the community liaison departments of Travis County schools districts and to neighborhood associations. Refer to attachments A and B for a copy of the public notice in both English and Spanish.

Public Comment Period

The draft amendments were available to the public for review and to provide written comment from June 18, 2012 through July 17, 2012 at the seven Travis County community centers as well as the County's website <http://www.co.travis.tx.us/>. Two public hearings were held at the Travis County Commissioners Court on June 26 and July 10, 2012.

Summary of Public Comments Received

- A total of 8 people presented testimony at the public hearing on June 26, 2012.
- One individual made general comments about excessive taxation and governmental waste.
- One individual made comments about a lack of responsiveness and waste within agencies not related to CDBG.
- One individual asked for clarification about the amount of funds being dedicated to the home repair project, and for additional information on the Fair Housing Counseling project.
- Four residents of the Las Lomitas community expressed thanks for the work being done around the neighborhood's water connection issues, and for consideration as a CDBG alternate project.
- One Las Lomitas resident requested that the TNR service station extend hours to accommodate people whose work schedules currently do not permit them to get water from the station.
- No comments were received at the public hearing on July 10, 2012.
- One written comment was received through U.S. mail from a neighborhood association located within the City of Austin requesting services.

Responses to Comment Received and Comments Not Accepted

During the public hearings, most of the questions were addressed at the time of the public hearing. Staff provided clarification on the funding for the home repair project and the fair housing activity, and Commissioner Gomez's office indicated they would work with the neighborhood and TNR to discuss the extension of hours. One person stated that the CDBG Program was spending 40% of CDBG funds on administration, but that is not accurate. The Program has planned to spend the allowable 20% on administration and planning activities as indicated throughout this Action Plan.

The comments regarding governmental waste and travel to London were not associated with the CDBG program, and therefore, will not be accepted for this Plan.

The neighborhood association was informed in a letter that the Travis County CDBG Program cannot use funds within incorporated areas, and referred to the City of Austin for assistance.

ATTACHMENT A

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE PY12 ACTION PLAN, SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE PY11-PY13 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE PY06-PY10 ACTION PLANS

Travis County is eligible to receive an estimated \$896,341 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to benefit Travis County low- to moderate-income residents who live in the unincorporated areas of the county or the Village of Webberville. The funds are for the program year 2012 which goes from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013. Additionally, Travis County is amending its PY11-PY13 Consolidated Plan to add the Village of Webberville. Furthermore, the County is amending its PY06-PY10 Action Plans to delete one project and to direct project savings totaling \$227,937.96.

CDBG activities are aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods, improving affordable housing options and providing improved community facilities and services. You can comment on the proposed amendments, projects and actions by attending one of two public hearings or by sending your comments in writing via postal mail or e-mail.

COMMENT PERIOD AND DRAFT DOCUMENT

Comments will be accepted for 30 days beginning June 18, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. and ending July 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Beginning June 18, 2012, drafts of the proposed substantial amendments and action plan and related summaries will be available for download on the Travis County CDBG page www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG or available for review at any of the seven Travis County Community Centers:

SOUTH RURAL COMMUNITY CENTER	TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER	WEST RURAL COMMUNITY CENTER	NORTHWEST RURAL COMMUNITY CENTER	EAST RURAL COMMUNITY CENTER	PALM SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTER	POST ROAD COMMUNITY CENTER
3518 FM 973, Del Valle	15822 Foothills Farm Loop, Bldg D, Pflugerville	8656 - A Hwy 71 W., Suite A, Oak Hill	18649 FM 1431, Jonestown	600 W. Carrie Manor, Manor	100 N. IH-35, Suite 1000, Austin	2201 Post Road, Suite 101, Austin

PUBLIC HEARINGS

You can provide your comment by attending any of two Public Hearings scheduled for Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 9:00 AM or Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 9:00 AM at Travis County Granger Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 314 W. 11th St, Austin, TX.

MAILING YOUR COMMENTS

You can mail your comments to: CDBG Program, Travis County, HHSVS P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 or e-mail them to: cdbg@co.travis.tx.us

Travis County is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call 854-3460 for assistance.



ATTACHMENT B

EL PROGRAMA DE SUBSIDIOS GLOBALES DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO (CDBG) DEL CONDADO DE TRAVIS

INVITACIÓN PARA COMENTAR SOBRE EL PLAN DE ACCIÓN PY12, RECTIFICACIONES AL PLAN CONSOLIDAD PY11-13 Y RECTIFICACIONES SUBSTANCIALES AL PLAN DE ACCIÓN PY06-PY10

El Condado de Travis está calificado para recibir una suma estimada de \$896,341 en fondos del Programa de Subsidio Globales para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) destinados a beneficiar a residentes de ingresos bajos o medianos que residen en las áreas no incorporadas del condado o la Villa de Webberville. Adicionalmente el Condado de Travis está rectificando el plan consolidado PY11-PY13 para agregar la Villa de Webberville. El Condado también está rectificando su plan de acción PY06-PY10 para borrar un proyecto y dirigir los ahorros del proyecto que suman a \$227,937.96.

Las actividades CDBG tienen como propósito revitalizar comunidades, mejorar opciones de viviendas asequibles y proporcionar servicios e instalaciones comunitarias mejoradas. El público puede realizar comentarios sobre las rectificaciones, los proyectos y acciones durante una de dos audiencias públicas o enviando sus comentarios por escrito a través del correo postal o de un correo electrónico.

PERIODO DE COMENTARIO Y DOCUMENTO PRELIMINAR

Los comentarios públicos se aceptarán por un periodo de 30 días a partir del 18 de junio de 2012 a las 8:00 a.m. hasta el 17 de julio de 2012 a las 5:00 p.m., borradores de las rectificaciones, el plan de acción y resúmenes relacionados serán disponibles para descargar en la página de CDBG del Condado de Travis web www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG o en uno de los siguientes siete centros comunitarios del Condado de Travis:

CENTRO COMUNITARIO RURAL DEL SUR	CENTRO COMUNITARIO DEL CONDADO DE TRAVIS	CENTRO COMUNITARIO RURAL DEL OESTE	CENTRO COMUNITARIO RURAL DEL NOROESTE	CENTRO COMUNITARIO RURAL DEL ESTE	CENTRO COMUNITARIO DE PALM SQUARE	CENTRO COMUNITARIO DE POST ROAD
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AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

El público puede presentar sus comentarios asistiendo a cualquiera de dos audiencias públicas planificadas para el martes 26 de junio de 2012 a las 9:00 AM y el martes 10 de julio de 2012 a las 9:00 AM en la sala de justicia del comisionado ubicada en el Edificio Granger del Condado de Travis, en la dirección 314 W. 11th St, Austin, TX.

ENVÍO DE COMENTARIOS

El público puede enviar sus comentarios por correo postal a la dirección: CDBG Program, Travis County HHSVS P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 o por e-mail a Christy Moffett al correo electrónico christy.moffett@co.travis.tx.us

El Condado de Travis está comprometido a cumplir con la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidades (ADA) y con la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según su enmienda. Al solicitarlo, se proporcionarán modificaciones razonables e igual acceso a comunicaciones. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al 854-3460.

